

partisans, and reasonable people on both sides of the abortion issue, can agree that we have been reminded of the precious nature of human life and that we ought to work to reduce the number of abortions in America."

**SHARON HABERSKI HONORED AS  
THE PULASKI COUNCIL 2004 POLISH  
HERITAGE AWARD RECIPIENT**

**HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2004*

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to take this opportunity to recognize the special volunteer work of Sharon Haberski who has devoted much of her life to the important task of preserving Polish traditions, heritage and culture throughout the United States and in her hometown of Milwaukee.

Sharon has tirelessly given of her time and talents to the Polish American Community for almost 30 years. Her efforts have resulted in countless examples of Polish culture, arts, including dance, and events flourishing in communities across the country. With her boundless energy and enthusiasm Sharon plays a major role in ensuring the continuity of Polish culture by serving as the Director of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, a director of the Polish American Congress, a board member of the Polish Heritage Alliance, Inc. and President of the Pulaski Council.

Inspiration for much of Sharon's volunteer work has come from her father John, who told her stories about his homeland Poland and her father-in-law Stephen Haberski, Sr., who made her aware of the work of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and who was her favorite polka partner. Sharon married her childhood sweetheart Stephen Haberski in 1963 and attributes his encouragement, understanding and the support of her efforts as a primary reason for her successfully accomplishing her volunteer work. The Haberskis have two daughters and Sharon is the proud "Babcia" of four grandsons.

Sharon Haberski has a personal motto which is: "All is activity, and all activity is towards building, loving, caring and sharing Polish culture, heritage, history and fraternalism in our community."

Congratulations to Sharon on receiving the Pulaski Council 2004 Polish Heritage Award, which she so richly deserves and continued success in her activities on behalf of Poles throughout the United States.

**IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL ROLE  
OF ONCOLOGY NURSES**

**HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2004*

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the important and essential role that oncology nurses play in the care of patients diagnosed with cancer. As anyone ever treated for cancer will tell you, oncology nurses are intelligent, well-trained, highly skilled, kind-hearted angels who provide quality clinical,

psychosocial, and supportive care to patients and their families. In short, they are integral to our Nation's cancer care delivery system.

Cancer is a complex, multifaceted, and chronic disease, and people with cancer are best served by a multidisciplinary health care team specialized in oncology care, including nurses who are certified in that specialty. This year alone 1.3 million Americans will hear the words "You have cancer." In addition, 556,500 will lose their battle with this terrible disease. Everyday, oncology nurses see the pain and suffering caused by cancer and understand the physical, emotional, and financial challenges that people with cancer face throughout their diagnosis and treatment. Oncology nurses play a central role in the provision of quality cancer care as they are principally involved in the administration and monitoring of chemotherapy and the associated side-effects patients may experience.

The Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) is the largest organization of oncology health professionals in the world with more than 30,000 registered nurses and other health care professionals. Since 1975, the Oncology Nursing Society has been dedicated to excellence in patient care, teaching, research, administration and education in the field of oncology.

On behalf of all the people with cancer and their families in Ohio's 11th Congressional District, I would like to acknowledge Molly Loney for her leadership within the Oncology Nursing Society. For the past 2 years, Molly has served on the ONS Board of Directors as Secretary. Through Molly's and ONS' leadership, our Nation is charting a course that will help us win the war on cancer.

The ONS has 9 chapters in the great state of Ohio. These chapters serve the oncology nurses in the State and help them to continue to provide high quality cancer care to those patients and their families in the State.

I commend the Oncology Nursing Society for all of its efforts and leadership over the last 29 years and thank the Society and its members for their ongoing commitment to improving and assuring access to quality cancer care for all cancer patients and their families. I urge all of my colleagues to support them in their important endeavors.

**PAYING RESPECT TO LAVERNE  
HOGAN**

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2004*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay respect to Laverne Hogan, a great leader in the Houston Community, who passed away Thursday, April 22, 2004 at the age of 65.

Laverne Hogan's work was instrumental in setting up the first enhanced 9-1-1 system in the state of Texas. Ms. Hogan began work on the system nearly 20 years ago working for then Harris County Commissioner Tom Bass and Houston City Councilmember Eleanor Tinsley. While serving in the Texas state legislature, and later in the U.S. House of Representatives, I worked closely with Ms. Hogan on a number of occasions to improve the 9-1-1 system in Houston and throughout Texas.

Just a few of her many accomplishment included being elected to and serving as the

Southeast Regional President of the National Emergency Number Association from 1996 to 2000; being appointed to serve as a commissioner for the Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications from 1992 to 1998 by Governor Ann Richards; and at the time of her death, Ms. Hogan was serving as the Executive Director of the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network, the largest 9-1-1 system in Texas, and the third largest in the United States.

Laverne Hogan will be greatly missed by all those who knew her, and all those she worked to protect throughout her dedicated career.

**HONORING DIANA NEULAN OF  
GIRL SCOUT TROOP 555**

**HON. LANE EVANS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2004*

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scouts of the USA Gold Award by Girl Scouts—Kickapoo Council in Peoria, Illinois. She is Diana Neulan of Girl Scout Troop 555.

Diana is being honored on May 2, 2004 for earning the highest achievement award in U.S. Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Gold Award symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development. The Girl Scout Gold Award can be earned by girls ages 14-17 or in grades 9-12.

Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization serving over 2.6 million girls, has awarded more than 20,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the inception of the program in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must fulfill 5 requirements: earn 4 interest project patches, earn the Career Exploration Pin, earn the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, earn the Senior Girl Scout Challenge, and design and implement a Girl Scout Gold project. A plan for fulfilling the requirements of the award is created by the Senior Girl Scout and is carried out through close cooperation between the girl and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

As a member of the Girl Scouts—Kickapoo Council, Diana began working toward the Girl Scout Gold Award in September 2000. For her project, Diana completely reorganized her school's music library and cataloged, repaired, or replaced the sheet music. She is currently a senior at East Peoria High School.

The earning of the Girl Scout Gold Award is a major accomplishment for Diana and I believe she should receive the public recognition due her for this significant service to her community and her country.

**HONORING IOWA STATE SENATOR  
KITTY REHBERG**

**HON. JIM NUSSLE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 28, 2004*

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to someone who exemplifies the meaning of public service. I want to join Kitty's